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CMSP Letter 91-13

TO: CMSP COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: PROCESSING CMSP APPLICATIONS INITIATED OUTSIDE
CALIFORNIA

At a recent meeting with representatives from Washoe Medical Center in Reno, Nevada, County Medical Services Program (CMSP) staff learned of several correctable problems. First, certain indigent residents of CMSP counties have been treated at this major trauma center but have never been evaluated for potential CMSP eligibility. Second, certain indigent residents of Medically Indigent Services Program (MISP) counties were transported from a CMSP county to the medical center for treatment. In response to Nevada state law, the medical center notified the CMSP county and not the MISP county of the treatment. Finally, in other cases where applications for CMSP have been made, the medical center was denied all access to information regarding the disposition of these cases.

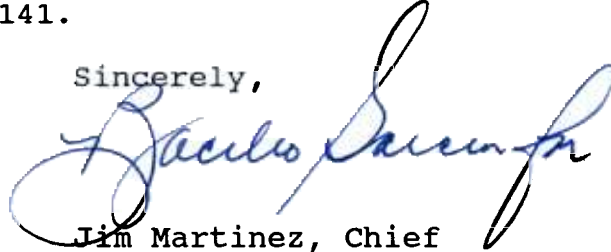
In order to mitigate these difficulties, the Washoe Medical Center has agreed to take CMSP applications at the facility and forward them to you for processing. In the event that an application was taken on an MISP county resident, you should refer the case to the MISP county as a "Courtesy Application". It is likely that the medical center will follow-up on the disposition of applications it has forwarded for processing after 45 days. The acceptable responses to the inquiries are: "in process", i.e., disposition not completed; "completed, please refer to the Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS) for disposition"; "Referred to the county of _____ for Disposition".

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Al Cooper of my staff, at (916) 732-3141.

Sincerely,



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